EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Fulchand Shende on 13 April 2010.

Claims 1 and 21 are amended as following:

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1. (Currently amended) An integrated circuit (IC) tag equipped motorcycle comprising:

an element formed of a resin material having transmissivity to electromagnetic waves;

a saddle-ride seat and a steering handle, wherein the element is disposed near said steering handle; and

an IC tag integrated with the element by insert forming, including an ID code specific to the motorcycle is registered therein in standardized data form, ~~and being disposed near a steering handle or behind a seat of the motorcycle,~~

the IC tag comprising:

a CPU;

an antenna configured to transmit and receive electromagnetic waves in a radio frequency band;

a radio frequency controller connected to and configured to control the antenna;

a modem; and

a memory portion;

wherein the modem is configured to detect an electromagnetic wave received by the antenna and to modulate information stored in the memory portion to transmit the information from the antenna, and

wherein the memory portion comprises a rewritable area and a rewrite-protect area, the rewrite-protect area configured to store the ID code and to protect against rewriting using a read-only memory (ROM);

wherein the element comprises a case [[of]] for a meter unit having high sealing ability, and the meter unit[[,]] comprising a meter panel on which a speedometer is arranged; said case of the meter unit is configured to protect said IC tag from wind, rain and dust without interrupting electromagnetic waves transmitted/received by said IC tag;

wherein the IC tag is housed within the meter unit on a surface of the meter panel;

wherein the meter panel is formed of a material having transmissivity to electromagnetic waves, and the IC tag is installed on a back surface of the meter panel; said back surface of the meter panel is configured to protect said IC tag from ultraviolet light and heat without interrupting electromagnetic waves transmitted/received by said IC tag;

wherein the rewritable area of the memory portion of the IC tag includes information on the owner of the motorcycle;

~~wherein the motorcycle comprises a saddle-ride seat and a steering handle, and the element is disposed near said steering handle of the motorcycle~~;

wherein the motorcycle comprises [[a]] the said speedometer, a fuel gauge, an odometer, left and right turn indicators, and an ignition indicator, all arranged in the meter panel; and

wherein said motorcycle is configured and arranged such that when a current mileage reading is registered at maintenance or repair of the motorcycle, a presence or absence of an odometer reset due to rolling back of the odometer can be checked for.

21. (Currently amended) The IC tag equipped motorcycle according to claim 1, ~~further comprising~~ wherein said IC tag is configured such that said IC tag is operatively associated with a management system, said management system comprising

a host server and a terminal, the host server and the terminal communicating with each other via a network; and

a database connected to the host server, and being operable to manage tag information on said IC tag;

wherein the terminal comprises:

a device for updating received tag information; and

a device for transmitting updated tag information to the host server, and

the host server comprises:

a device for receiving the updated tag information; and

a device for updating the database based on the updated tag information.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 5-14 and 21 are allowed over prior arts of record because of particular mounting of the motorcycle's IC tag inside a meter unit case comprising a meter panel, near the motorcycle's steering handle, to protect the tag from wind, rain, dust, ultraviolet light and heat, without interrupting electronic waves transmitted/received by the IC tag; and wherein the motorcycle is configured and arranged such that when a current mileage reading is registered at maintenance or repair of the motorcycle, a presence or absence of an odometer reset due to rolling back of the odometer can be checked for.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANNE V. LAI whose telephone number is (571)272-2974. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wu Daniel can be reached on 571-272-2964 or primary examiner Davetta Goins at 571-272-2957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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